



Proclamation

Presented to

Hawaii Families As Allies

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Families As Allies raises awareness about children's mental health being important, and addressing the complex emotional and behavioral health needs of children and youth is fundamental to the future of our state; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Families As Allies reminds us that children, youth and their families, along with the community, need to learn about the warning signs of emotional or behavioral struggle or suicide; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Families As Allies works with community partners to provide resources to address the needs of children who have mental health challenges, and provides immediate access to services and support that can lead to successful treatment, improve relationships and enhance the health and well being of youth; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i Families As Allies and the Children's Mental Health Matters Campaign Committee and many allied organizations through Hawai'i will host Children's Mental Health Awareness Week during May 1-7, 2011 to increase public awareness about mental illness, reduce the stigma associated with mental health problems, and identify treatment and support services that are available in our community;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2011, as

"CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask people in the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the courage of children, youth and their families, who are coping with or recovering from emotional and behavioral challenges, and acknowledging the invaluable contributions of families, as well as treatment and support service providers and advocates.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of April, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i